II. Claim Amendments

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)

20. (Newly presented) An isolated nucleotide sequence harbouring the promoter controlling the expression of the *A. pleuropneumoniae* RTX-operon type IV (ApxIV) gene, characterized in that said nucleotide sequence comprises the DNA fragment from position 594 to 641 of SEQ ID NO. 5.

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